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Applicant : B. DOLITZKY  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER  
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated April 17, 2002, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks. A request for a three-month extension of time is filed concurrently herewith. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayment in connection with this paper to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Page 1, paragraph 1:

Please substitute the following paragraph:

BI  
This application is a continuation of application serial number 09/545,011, filed April 7, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,339,156, which claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/130,048, filed April 19, 1999.